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*Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks*  
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## **ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST**

Fur Farm, Game Bird Farm, Zoo/Menagerie, Shooting Preserve

### **PART 1. PROPOSED ACTION DESCRIPTION**

Project Title: Vogt Game Bird Farm

Application Date: July 17, 2002

Name, Address, and Phone Number: Bill Vogt  
1095 Columbia Falls Stage  
Columbia Falls, MT 59912  
(406) 755-6504

Project Location: 1095 Columbia Falls Stage, Columbia Falls, MT 59912  
S20 T29N R20W Flathead County

Description of Project: Applicant plans to raise 125 quail, 150 chukar, and 15 - 20 pheasants for the purpose of selling live birds.

Other groups or agencies contacted or which may have overlapping jurisdiction: None

## **PART 2. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

Table 1. Potential impact on physical environment.

Will the proposed action result in potential impacts to:	Unknown	Potentially Significant	Minor	None	Can Be Mitigated	Comments Below or on Attached Pages
a. Unique, endangered, fragile, or limited environmental resources.				X		
b. Terrestrial or aquatic life and/or habitats.				X		
c. Introduction of new species into an area.				X		
d. Vegetation cover, quantity, & quality.				X		
e. Water quality, quantity, & distribution (surface or groundwater).				X		
f. Existing water right or reservation.				X		
g. Geology & soil quality, stability, & moisture.				X		
h. Air quality or objectional odors.			X			1h
i. Historical & archaeological sites.				X		
j. Demands on environmental resources of land, water, air, & energy.			X			1j
k. Aesthetics.				X		

### **Comments**

(A description of potentially significant, or unknown, impacts and potential alternatives for mitigation must be provided.)

1h. Objectionable odors may be produced by the small aviary. These odors should be dissipated through the air before they reach any neighboring homes.

1j. The pen cannot be seen by any of the neighbors due to distance.

**Table 2. Potential impacts on human environment.**

Will the proposed action result in potential impacts to:	Unknown	Potentially Significant	Minor	None	Can Be Mitigated	Comments Below Or On Attached Pages
a. Social structures and cultural diversity.				X		
b. Changes in existing public benefits provided by wildlife populations and/or habitat.				X		
c. Local and state tax base and tax revenue.				X		
d. Agricultural production.				X		
e. Human health.				X		
f. Quantity & distribution of community & personal income.				X		
g. Access to & quality of recreational activities.				X		
h. Locally adopted environmental plans & goals (ordinances).				X		
i. Distribution & density of population and housing.				X		
j. Demands for government services.				X		
k. Industrial and/or commercial activity.				X		

## **Comments**

(A description of potentially significant, or unknown, impacts and potential alternatives for mitigation must be provided as comments.)

Does the proposed action involve potential risks or adverse effects, which are uncertain but extremely harmful if they were to occur? No

Does the proposed action have impacts that are individually minor, but cumulatively significant or potentially significant? No

Description and analysis of reasonable alternatives (including the no-action alternative) to the proposed action, when alternatives are reasonably available and prudent to consider. Include a discussion of how the alternatives would be implemented:

Alternative 1: Issue the permit to the applicant.

Alternative 2: Deny the permit to the applicant.

No Action: Do nothing on the proposed action.

List suggested mitigative measures for license:

1. Maintain the aviary pens in order to insure ingress and egress do not occur.
2. If ingress and egress do occur, then the applicant must notify FWP as soon as possible.
3. Live birds sold by the applicant can only go to licensed or permitted individuals, game bird farms, and shooting preserves.

Individuals or groups contributing to, or commenting on, this EA:

Date EA completed: 8/2/02

Duration of comment period: The EA was made available on the FWP website ([fwp@state.mt.us](mailto:fwp@state.mt.us)) under public notices until August 12, 2002. Comments should be directed to Warden Perry Brown at [pbrown@digisys.net](mailto:pbrown@digisys.net) or sent to Warden Brown at the address given below.

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### **PART 3. DECISION**

Recommendation and justification concerning preparation of EIS:

Recommendation for license approval: \_\_\_\_\_

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Daniel P. Vincent, Supervisor Date

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Jim Williams, Wildlife Manager Date

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Ed Kelly, Warden Captain Date